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**NURSING PROGRAMS AT ACICS INSTITUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR ACCREDITATION BY
NLNAC.**

Washington, D.C. – Effective immediately, nursing programs within institutions accredited by ACICS are eligible to seek accreditation with the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

NLNAC is nationally recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as a reliable authority on the quality of nursing education programs, from diplomas through the clinical doctorate level. NLNAC accredits nearly 1,200 nursing programs throughout the U.S. including more than 800 at the practical, diploma and associate degree levels.

“We are very pleased that nursing programs at ACICS accredited institutions now are able to receive NLNAC accreditation” said Eric Juhlin, ACICS Chair. NLNAC recognition will encourage nursing programs at ACICS institutions to strive for high quality and rigorous standards,” Juhlin said. ACICS institutions offer more than 400 allied health programs across 46 states, and have the capacity to train more nurses to address the strong demand for educated, well-qualified nurses.

ACICS institutions offering nursing programs have two options to pursue specialized accreditation: through NLNAC for certificates, diplomas as well as bachelors degree programs or higher; and through the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) for bachelors degree programs or higher. Formal recognition by NLNAC also complements the formal recognition by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for ACICS accredited schools offering degree-granting programs in Texas.

For more information about eligibility for NLNAC Accreditation, please see NLNAC Accreditation Manual, Policy #3 Eligibility for Accreditation, p.31:
<http://www.nlnac.org/manuals/NLNACManual2008.pdf>

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